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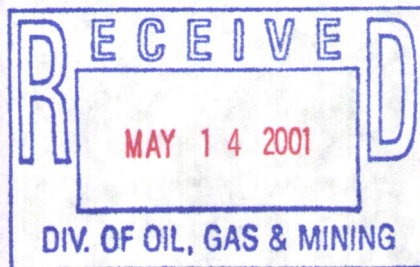
HIKO BELL MINING & OIL COMPANY

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April 27, 2001

Dave Howell
Bureau of Land Management
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Re: Surface Management
Section 6: Lots 13 & 14
T5S-R24E, Uintah Co., Utah



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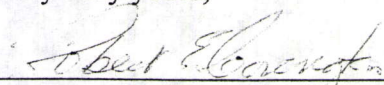
Dear Mr. Howell:

On the 26th of April, 2001, I met with Pete Sokolosky with regard to the reclamation work required on Hiko Bell's part of the project area. Your letter of November 14th set forth on Page 2, Section 1. that all surface disturbances within the area colored purple on the enclosure are to undergo reshaping, redistribution of topsoil, and seeding on or before May 1, 2001, including the roads marked on the enclosure. The lands under discussion, until recently, have not been readily available because of the snow, snow melt, and the rains, which left muddy roads and wet surface conditions. Hiko Bell intends to contract with Bluebell Oil Company to perform this reclamation work. Bluebell Oil Company will use the equipment and personnel they will have brought in for their own required reclamation work. This will avoid a duplication of moving heavy equipment in and out of the area, and up and down the steep hill going to the river.

From your letter, I find that I need get in touch with the Noxious Weed Control Coordinator at your Vernal office to find out how to comply with sub-part "a" of your letter. I will do that in the coming week. With reference to sub-part "c", I will contact the nearest seed vendor and will explain that I will need seed for reclamation that meets the Utah Department of Agriculture requirement. I intend to ask Mr. Sokolosky next week to ask him if he has the names of some of these vendor whom I can contact. In compliance with sub-part "d" we understand and agree with this requirement. We also agree to notify the Vernal office at least at two days prior to the commencement of the reclamation, and also no more than two days following completion of the work.

I therefore respectfully request a stay in the time to complete this work until the 30th of June. I will be in discussion with Mr. Caldwell on this project and will interface with Bluebell in all of the above respects. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,


Robert E. Covington, Sec.-Treasurer